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RESIN FOR REFLECTOR PLATE

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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Sir:

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**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Document B1 relates to polyester resin composition.

Document B2 relates to a light emitting element apparatus.

An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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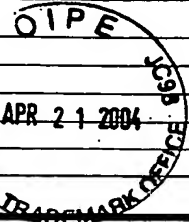
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